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JOINT ATOMIC ENERGY INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

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16 October 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Reporting of Chinese Nuclear Test on  
16 October 1964

1. At 1100 hours EDT the new China News Agency reported from Peking that China had exploded an atomic bomb in the western region of China at 1500 hours Peking time.

2. A few minutes after 1100 the FBIS bulletin was brought to the attention of the undersigned.

Mr. Elder, the DD/I and the Acting DD/S&T were promptly informed and JAEIC members were notified to assemble for a meeting as quickly as possible. Subsequent reports were relayed to Mr. Elder as they were received.

3. At 1130 the undersigned was notified by the Office of the DD/I that McGeorge Bundy had directed that a statement suitable for public release be prepared and be furnished to him by 1140. Mr. Elder was notified.

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